<u>REMARKS</u>

Claims 146-151, 157, 159, 161-166, 170-172, 179-181, 187, and 188 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Status of the Claims

Claims 146-154, 156-173, 175-177, 179-181, 183-185, and 187-189 are pending in the application. Claims 152-154,156, 158, 160, 167-169, 173, 175-177, 183-185, and 189 are allowed. Applicants respectfully note that claim 155 was previously cancelled and should not be included in the enumerated allowed claims. Claims 146-151, 157, 159, 161-166, 170-172, 179-181, 187, and 188 are rejected.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph

Claims 146-151, 157, 159, 161-166, 170-172, 179-181, 187, and 188 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for lack of enablement. While applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner, claims 146-151, 157, 159, 161-166, 170-172, 179-181, 187, and 188 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, applicants request withdrawal of this rejection.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application has been allowed by the Examiner. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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